

Good morning Chairman Sawyer and members of the Board. For the record, my name is Lena Maun-DeSantis and I am an Environmental Specialist at the Port of Los Angeles. I want to thank you for the opportunity to address the Board today on behalf of the Port.

As you may know, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are in the final stages of crafting a joint Clean Air Plan, which we anticipate releasing to the public in May of this year. While we support the Board's efforts in addressing the emissions associated with the Ports and international goods movement in California, we believe that the Board's proposed statewide mitigation strategy may be too broad and tends to fall short of the Port's stated goal to eliminate community health risks attributable to diesel particulate matter emissions. Additionally, adequate funding is imperative to address and resolve emissions impacts; both the Ports and SCAQMD have pledged significant funding and we urge CARB to also contribute at equivalent levels. In the absence of funding, statewide regulations would remove funding burdens from the South Coast region and bring about emissions reductions statewide. Our specific comments on the December 2005 draft report were submitted in writing prior to today's hearing. The comments also pertain to the March 2006 draft report.

Your staff has been very supportive in providing both their time and expertise during the development of the Ports' Clean Air Plan. We also continue to benefit from CARB's research efforts, especially related to estimating and testing emissions specific to goods movement. We look forward to working with your staff as we further develop and implement our Clean Air strategy, which is complimentary to your own and, above all, protective of public health.

Thank you again for your attention.